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The Newsletter of the Laguna Woods Art Association



# The Brushstroke



## Letter From the President

Because we are still looking for a Brushstroke editor and someone to assemble the pertinent information this issue will contain the quick information we need to share with you immediately.

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Please enjoy as we search for a new staff—Kris deYoung



Calling all Artists

24th Annual Plein Air Paintout Event in Heisler Park, Laguna Beach

Gather up all your artist friends and don't miss out on this premier event ! On Sunday, October 2 at 9 am in Heisler Park ,Laguna Beach, 35 world-class artists will gather for a 2 -hour paintout. We will be able to wander and watch these outstanding artists at work- what a great opportunity for us! At 11 am, painting will cease; by noon all paintings will be on display at the Festival grounds where we can meet and talk to the artists and even bid for the paintings at the 4 o'clock auction. Not only is this art and education, it's just plain fun.

Parking is scarce. Take the #89 bus to Laguna from the Laguna Hills Transportation Center. Or drive carpool with your friends and park at one of the parking lots on Laguna Canyon Road. Laguna Beach trolleys will be readily available to take you to Heisler Park and to the Festival grounds. Mark this date on your calendar in red. Come and join in the fun.

Visit [lpapa.org/laguna-plein-invitational](http://lpapa.org/laguna-plein-invitational) for more details.

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Rappaport Celebration of Life Gathering – RSVP requested

We are hosting a small gathering of friends and neighbors to celebrate the lives of Ann and Stuart Rappaport on Saturday, October 8th from 2- 4 pm. It will be a casual affair at their studio/home to share memories and art! Parking is limited so please walk if possible. The address is 535-C Via Estrada, but the front door and parking is on Avenida Majorca. Please contact Erika Rappaport at [rappaport@ucsb.edu](mailto:rappaport@ucsb.edu) if you can come and/or you are interested in a large easel or a wooden cabinet to store canvases and sketch pads.

If you would like to donate a small amount in their name, we have started a small paper prize for graduate students studying European History at the University of California, Santa Barbara (where their daughter Erika teaches). You can donate directly to [Make a Donation \(ucsb.edu\)](https://ucsb.edu) In your note, you can say it is for the Ann and Stuart Rappaport Paper Prize.

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Slate of 2023 Board Members

At the October 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting via Zoom you will have the opportunity to elect the 2023 Board Members. The nominees are as follows:

Kathie Podliska, President , Jae Kwon, Vice President, Dinesh Kapoor, Treasurer  
Dick Bourke, Recording Secretary, Valerie Feldman, Corresponding Secretary

2023-24-25 Directors:  
Bonnie Fox  
Chris Kelly

2022-23-24 Directors:  
Jan Couch  
Sheila Parsons

2021-2022-2023 Directors:  
Ellen Zimet  
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TRIBUTE TO THE RAPPAPORTS  
By Paul Landman

Most of us remember Stu and Annie Rappaport as highly involved members of the Art Association. Annie was a volunteer teacher for the Portrait Class along with Patti Rook. She also served as the Association's corresponding secretary. Any of us who received guided instruction from her or were cheerfully coerced into posing for the class, or who received a "get well" or "sympathy" card from her, knows of her love for art and dedication to the Association. She received the Executive Board Award for Outstanding Service in 2015.

Stuart Rappaport was her biggest fan, an accomplished lawyer, who finished his career as the Public Defender for Santa Clara County, California. His skill at public speaking and interpersonal relations, an interest in art, and an instinct to be of service, led him to become President of the Art Association in 2014-2015. He continued to serve on the Executive Board through 2021.

But to my wife, Stephanie, and I, Stu and Annie were more than that, they were our friends. We met at an LWV Art Show Reception in 2008 and hit it off rather quickly. We were interested in art, of course, but also found common ground in love of travel, healthful food, and to my great surprise, sports. They traveled to France to visit museums, historical sites, and enjoy French cuisine. We did too.

They loved vegetarian and Italian food, so did we. Stu played football in high school and college, and so did I. Stu was a big fan of the University of Michigan football; I loved the Spartans of Michigan State. He loved the Detroit Lions and Tigers; I loved the New York Yankees and Giants. We spent many hours reminiscing about the accomplishments of our favorite teams and players.

Annie painted many pictures of athletes in action, especially football players. Stephanie didn't paint but she baked terrific brownies. So tasty, that Stu and Annie always liked to come to our house for dessert after our monthly dinners at Villa Roma.

If that wasn't enough in common to sustain a friendship, we also had an avid interest in current events, and spent hours in exhaustive conversations about the issues of our times. No solutions, mind you, just exhaustive conversations, that left us tired but feeling sated. We could discuss the law, history, food, movies and TV shows, even politics, respectfully and with great humor. Most of all, the Rappaports loved to laugh. I believe their ability to laugh at themselves and at life contributed to the fullness of it.

It was a tragic surprise when Annie was diagnosed with cancer about the time that Covid arrived. She left us so suddenly, but bravely, more concerned with the wellbeing of her beloved Stu. I was a student in her class at the time and to this day, I miss my art teacher and friend. Steph and I continued to have monthly dinners with Stu for two years after he lost Annie. It gradually became clear that her absence was taking its toll. A week before he passed, we went to his house to meet for dinner. He was not well and apologized for not keeping the date. His son, Doug, soon arrived to take him to the hospital, where he remained until his passing.

Apart from the loss of a second cherished friend, the LWV community and the state lost a great citizen.

Rest in peace, Rappaports! You are home together. Quality lives fully lived. Your loving family



**FALL CLASSES—September—December IN AND OUT OF THE STUDIO**

**YOU MUST LIVE IN LAGUNA WOODS AND BE A MEMBER OF LWAA TO ATTEND OUR CLASSES—TO JOIN—GO TO [LagunaWoodsArt.com](http://LagunaWoodsArt.com) and follow the simple directions on the front page—Become a Member**

- ◇ **Every Monday—Peggy Chew—*Urban Sketching* 9-12 email Peggy at [mxchewie@yahoo.com](mailto:mxchewie@yahoo.com) for more information and where to meet.**
- ◇ **Every Monday and Tuesday—9-12 drawing/painting/sketching at the *Equestrian Center*—check in and enjoy—Just don't touch the horses.**
- ◇ **Every Thursday from 4-8 in the *Art Studio*—Open Studio—all media—bring a snack and meet other artists.**

**Peggy's Simmons' Beginning Watercolor class starting Tuesday October 25—1-3.**

**Intermediate Figure Drawing with Jae. - Sept 14—Nov. 16 1-3.**

**Oil and Acrylic with Marge Kinney—Sept 15—Nov 17—8:45-10:30.**

**Every Friday Morning 9:00-11:30 for *Chinese Calligraphy* with Byung Hee Gwak except January and July**

**One time Classes: Paint and Take with Mary Reiter: November 14—1-3 and December 12 -1-3. Details about the class with be published later.**

**Printmaking with Christine Kelly—Thursdays 1-3:30—October 27, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1st and 8th**

**More One and Two week classes will be announced in October. Please check in the studio for more information.**

## *Successful White Elephant Sale*

The White Elephant Sale organized by Bonnie Fox and Christine Kelly held from 10-1 this past Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Almost \$2500 in sales of gently used art supplies or art books was collected. The White Elephant Sale (WES) committee will be meeting to discuss how to best distribute the funds to local charitable organizations. Here is a photo of many of the team of volunteers who made the event so organized and successful.



Mark your calendars for the next White Elephant Sale to be held on March 25, 2023. You can donate your unneeded art supplies or art books to the Art Studio at any time.



*Bits and Pieces*

Coming Soon – Exhibition Opportunity

The Laguna Woods Community Center juried Art Exhibition for Intermediate and Advanced Art Association members.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY CENTER ART EXHIBITION?

It is an exciting opportunity to exhibit your art at the Laguna Woods Village Community Center. It is a juried exhibition for Intermediate and Advanced Artists who are members of the Laguna Woods Art Association.

The VMS management team will be selecting the artwork. Not all work will be selected. The exhibition is scheduled to hang sometime in January.

Watch for the Prospectus & Application for Entry Forms which will include all the information you need. Hard copies of the Prospectus & Application for Entry Forms will be in the studio soon. You will be notified by email when the applications are in the studio.

If you have not viewed the current show, please take time to visit the Community Center and see the wonderful current art exhibit on floors 1 & 3.

Chairperson Contact: Docia Reed at [dociareed@yahoo.com](mailto:dociareed@yahoo.com) or 949-521-3312

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**BRUSHSTROKE: The Brushstroke will need a new graphics person to take copy and put in a newsletter form as well as a new editor. Please contact Kris DeYoung at [kristine7346@att.net](mailto:kristine7346@att.net) for more information.**

**Teachers:** Have a particular art specialty that you would like to share with others. Willing to present a one to two week session. Email Ellen at [ellenzimet@earthlink.net](mailto:ellenzimet@earthlink.net). If you have never taught before I will help you plan and organize your class. All you do is bring your expertise to the table.

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**REMINDER – Please report information about any member’s illness, upcoming surgery or condolence issues to the attention of Valerie Feldman so that she can send an appropriate card with best wishes from the Association. Call Valerie at 617-803-6737 or email her at [Feldmanallan5@aol.com](mailto:Feldmanallan5@aol.com)**



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## *OUT OF THE WOODS – Places to go and Art to see*

**Laguna Art Museum 307 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651**

<https://lagunaartmuseum.org/> Hours: Daily 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Wednesdays: closed

### **Selections from the Permanent Collection - Ongoing**

**Black and White: Contemporary Art from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation** July 2, 2022-October 9, 2022. 30 artworks are a cross-section of works by artists who share attention to black and white—as palette and, in some cases, as theme. This selection demonstrates a diverse array of the artistic approaches, materials, and techniques that Southern California-based artists have deployed over the past half century.

**Your Place in the Multiverse: Jean Lowe** March 19 - September 18, 2022 A survey of Lowe's work from the past 20 years.

**Striking Figures: Francis De Erdely** May 14, 2022 - October 23, 2022 Known for his social realist paintings of everyday people as a way of addressing issues of race, culture, and social strata in Southern California, this is the first major exhibition of his work.

**Southern California Portraits: Francis De Erdely & John Sonsini** June 10, 2022 - October 23, 2022. Known for his portraits of men, typically people unknown to him, selected based on the personas they convey.

**Her Great Gift: The Nancy Dustin Wall Moure Collection** - August 28, 2022.-February 12, 2023. The exhibition focuses on 40 artworks made from the 1830s through the 1970s that traces how artists documented the California experience. Mortensen was a maverick photographer. Despised by many of his contemporaries for his grotesque subject matter and extreme manipulation of his photographs, Ansel Adams went so far as to call him the "anti-Christ" of photography. This is one of the only museum exhibitions of his work, illustrating **Photography and Seduction: William Mortensen's**

**Laguna Beach.** October 1, 2022 -January 16, 2002. his ascent as one of the most famous photographers of his time.

**College of Art and Design (LCAD) 374 Ocean Ave, Laguna Beach** HoLaguna urs 11am – 4pm Wednesday through Sunday - A constantly changing exhibition of well known artists, emerging LCAD students and differing art forms.

**Revelation & Ruin** September 1 to September 25, 2022. Original Mixed Media and Collage work by Eric Stoner.



## *More Places to Visit in Orange County*

**Hilbert Museum of California Art At Chapman University -167 N Atchison Street, Orange, CA**  
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 11am -5 pm -Free admission with advance online reservation: [hilbertmuseum@chapman.edu](mailto:hilbertmuseum@chapman.edu)

**By Popular Demand: Visitor Favorites From the Hilbert Collection** Through December 3, 2022  
**Voices in Pastel: Pastel Society of the West Coast** Through December 3, 2022

**Disney's Fantasia: When Music Became Magic** - Through December 3, 2022

**Playing To Win: Sports Art from the Hilbert Collection.** -Through December 3, 2022

**CAP GALLERY (Community Art Project Inc ) Admission is free.** Wells Fargo Bank, 260 Ocean Ave, 2nd floor, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Hours: 9-6 Monday through Friday, 9-4 Saturday .CAP's mission is to increase the visibility and appreciation of art and serve as a catalyst for art education. Community Art Project provides ongoing exhibitions in the CAP Gallery. The Festival of Arts displays art on the 3rd floor.

**Orange County Museum of Art** <https://ocma.art/ocmavisit/> **TEMPORARILY Closed Opening October 2022**

**BOWERS MUSEUM 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana CA 92706** Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 4 pm Visit [bowers.org](http://bowers.org) for a complete list of current exhibitions.

Due to popular demand, the Bowers Museum and California Art Club are delighted to announce the extension of the 111th Gold Medal Exhibition, now closing September 11.

**Laguna Beach Art Walk** – 1st Thursday of each month, 6 - 9 pm. Over 40 galleries participate, offering artist receptions, demonstrations and live music. The night includes free admission to the Laguna Art Museum. For complete gallery listings and events visit First Thursday's Art Walk page.

**San Clemente Art Association Art Gallery -100 N Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672**

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Noon to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Monthly shows by members of the San Clemente Art Association. **August Show:** August 28, 2022-September 30, 2022

**Susi Q Gallery, 380 3rd Street, Laguna Beach** Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm **Cultural Fusion Show:** August Their next show will begin on Friday, Oct 21st.